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Title:	DEVICES AND METHODS FOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT MANUFACTURING		

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() A concise explanation of the relevance of foreign language patents, foreign language publications and other foreign language information listed on PTO Form 1449, as presently understood by the individuals(s) designated in 37 CFR 1.56 (c) most knowledgeable about the content is given on the attached sheet, or where a foreign language patent is cited in a search report or oth r action by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, an English language version of the search report or action which indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office is listed on form PTO 1449 and is enclosed herewith.

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REFERENCE DESIGNATION **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

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Dear Sir:

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. Applicants respectfully petition and request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form. Copies of the listed documents are attached.

Each document listed in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from the European Patent Office ("EPO") in a related foreign application. A copy of the EPO communication is also attached. To the best of our knowledge, each item of information set out on the PTO 1449 was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the mailing date of this document.

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Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, authoriation to charge Deposit Account 08-2025 is set out in the Request for Continued Examination.

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